

The four nonprofit contractors (see Index) listed for fiscal year 1966 represent a decrease of two from the number on the list for the preceding fiscal year. For the most part, these nonprofit contractors provide research, development, and training services in the missile-space and electronics programs.

Four companies received prime contract awards of more than \$1 billion each in fiscal year 1966, compared to two companies in fiscal year 1965. These companies and a brief description of their more important work are as follows:

Lockheed Aircraft Corp. leads the list for the fifth consecutive year with \$1,531 million, or 4.6 percent of the total. This is a decrease of \$184 million in value and 2.5 percentage points from fiscal year 1965. The aircraft contracts of this company include the C-5A heavy logistics jet carrier, C-141A Starlifter jet cargo transport, C-130E Hercules turboprop jet transport, and the P3B Orion patrol bomber. It is the principal prime contractor for the Polaris and Poseidon missiles, is an important contractor for military space vehicles, and performs research in conjunction with the satellite control network. The company and its subsidiaries also receive contracts for shipbuilding and electronics.

General Electric Co., having \$1,187 million in awards and 3.5 percent of the total, advanced to second place in fiscal year 1966 from fourth place in fiscal year 1965. It received substantial contracts for the production of aircraft engines. Ordnance contracts were for the production of 7.62-millimeter machineguns, 20-millimeter cannon, and guidance and control systems for missiles. This company also received large contracts for electronics and communications equipment and nuclear propulsion systems for ships.

The following two companies in third and fourth positions have a difference of less than \$3 million in their total awards.

United Aircraft Corp., whose contracts totaled \$1,138.7 million (3.4 percent), ranks third. This compares with a contract value of \$632.1 million and sixth position in fiscal year 1965. The prime contract work of the company is principally for the production of aircraft engines. Contracts for aircraft were for the production of helicopters. In addition to these awards, the company received smaller contracts for ordnance items and for propellers.

General Dynamics Corp. received awards amounting to \$1,136 million which represented 3.4 percent of the total and is in fourth place. The value compares to \$1,178.6 million in fiscal year 1965. This company received contracts for aircraft, missiles, and ships. The aircraft contracts are largely for the production of F-111 fighters; those for ships include repair and alteration of various types of vessels and new construction of landing craft and submarine tenders; and the missile-space contracts involve the development or production of Atlas, Redeye, Tartar, and Terrier missiles, and boosters for the space program.